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This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2003-043508 filed February 21, 2003.

At Page 13, lines 2-6:

The lower magnet Mb is connected at one point to the earth ground gp. Consequently, the lower base yoke ~~YBa~~ YBb, support yokes YP, upper base yoke YBa, and upper magnet Ma that are electrically connected to the lower magnet Mb are grounded.

At Page 13, lines 12-14:

The upper RF shield 10a is connected to the upper magnet Ma via capacitors 1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a (capacitors 2a and 4a are not shown in Fig. 1) at four points whose angles are different from one another by 90°.

At Page 13, lines 15-17:

The lower RF shield 10b is connected to the lower magnet Mb via capacitors ~~4a~~ 1b, 2b, 3b, and 4b at four points whose angles are different from one another by 90°.

At Page 14, line 25 to Page 15, line 7:

In the MRI system 200, the upper RF shield 10a is connected to the support yokes ~~YB~~ YP via the capacitors 1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a (capacitors 2a and 4a are not shown in Fig. 4) at four points whose angles are different from one another by 90°. Moreover, the lower RF shield 10b is connected to the support yokes ~~YB~~ YP via the capacitors 1b, 2b, 3b, and 4b (capacitors 2b and 4b are not shown in Fig. 4) at four points whose angles are different from one another by 90°.